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### [118th Congress - Tenants' Right to Organize Act](#)

**H.R. 5827, the Tenants' Right to Organize**, introduced by Rep. Delia C. Ramirez and co-leads Reps. Tlaib, Pressley, Gomez, and Casar, codifies and protects the organizing rights of tenants with Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) and tenants living in Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties. Currently, only public housing tenants have a legally recognized right to organize. By extending this right to HVC and LIHTC tenants, the bill acknowledges that all tenants deserve decent, safe, stable, and sanitary housing without fear of retaliation.

The Tenants' Right to Organize Act addresses the disparities in tenant organizing rights across different types of housing accommodations. By granting HCV and LIHTC tenants the right to self-organize at their multi-family housing accommodations, this legislation empowers individuals and communities to advocate for their needs, address housing issues, and build stronger, more inclusive neighborhoods. Specifically, the bill does the following:

- Codifies tenants' right to organize and participate in resident organizations in HCV and LIHTC housing accommodations.
- Protects organizing activities such as distributing leaflets, conducting door-to-door surveys, posting information on bulletin boards, participating in tenant organization meetings, and other reasonable activities.
- Provides for enforcement by the HUD Secretary and Treasury Secretary relating to the HCV and LIHTC programs, respectively, and authorizes appropriations in such sums necessary for enforcement.
- Expands funding for tenant participation and capacity building to apply to low-income housing for which project-based rental assistance, public housing subsidies, low-income housing tax credits, Federal or State subsidized loans, and vouchers are provided or proposed.

**Endorsing Organizations:** National Housing Law Project, National Low-Income Housing Coalition, People's Action Home Guarantee Campaign, Leaders and Organizers for Tenant Empowerment (LOFTE) Network, Lugenia Burns Hope Center, Shriver Center on Law and Poverty, Housing Action Illinois, Metropolitan Tenants Organization, Housing is a Human Right, Mass Alliance of HUD Tenants, Tenants Union of Washington State, Coalition for Economic Survival (CES)-Los Angeles, Arkansas Community Organizations, Greater Syracuse Tenants Network, Long Beach Residents Empowered (LIBRE), Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco, Housing Justice League of Atlanta, HOMELine of Minnesota, and the AFSC Atlanta Economic Justice Program.